1	2	3	4	5	6
15	Surendranagar	Surendranagar	620	620	—
16	Surat	Surat	857	769	88
17	Vadodra	Vadodra	906	773	133
18	Valsad	Valsad Navsari	688	613	75
19	Dang	Dang	70	53	17
20	UT	Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman	22	21	1
	TOTAL:		13510	1254	965

Out of order public telephones

†1837. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that most of the public telephones installed at public places remain out of order;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government porpose to take any steps to improve this service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, the Public Call Offices (PCOs) installed at public are checked on regular basis and normally these PCOs work satifactorily. In case a PCO gets out of order the fault is rectified.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) To improve the service further, the following steps are being taken:

(i) Providing more number of attended PCOs through Franchise Scheme.

(ii) Replacement of old type of CCB PCOs by CBT-95.

(iii) Regular Inspections

Telephone on demand in Andhra Pradesh

1838. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.